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ABSTRACT

This directory lists sources for the funding of assistive technology for people with disabilities. Introductory information urges determination of what assistive technology is needed and the gathering of all necessary information (such as primary and secondary disabilities, employment history, income and expenses, and health insurance) prior to contacting a funding source or preparing a justification statement. Sources of funding are listed by state within the following broad categories: state technology assistance projects, state protection and advocacy agencies, and other sources of information (brief descriptions of 17 print sources). Usually provided for each listing are: organization name, address, phone numbers (voice, TTY, and fax), email, and Web site. (Contains 17 references.) (DB)

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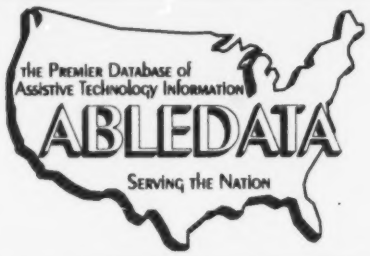

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Introduction

With the advent of new technology, more and more options exist to enable persons with disabilities to live independently, to achieve higher levels of education, to participate in activities of the workplace, and to engage in hobbies and recreational activities. With the awareness of the existence of technology, persons with disabilities and their families expect access to that technology.

However, attempting to fulfill those expectations often leads to frustration as individuals seek financial assistance to purchase needed devices. Consumers and families are often confronted with a seemingly impenetrable maze of eligibility requirements, potential funding sources, restrictions, paperwork, rules and regulations, and denials and refusals. This Informed Consumer Guide attempts to provide sources of information to help negotiate that maze.

Getting Started

Before trying to find the appropriate funding source, there are two basic steps to take to lay the groundwork. First, determine what assistive technology is needed. For those with long-term disability, it is likely that the types of devices needed are already familiar; it may well be that the situation is one in which the user is seeking to replace old or outdated technology. In this case, the consumer needs to determine the specific item required (make, model, manufacturer, etc.) and from where it will be purchased. Consultation with a therapist, physician, or rehabilitation professional may be required to determine necessary features to accommodate changes in disability and/or ability levels. Once those determinations are made, acquire a prescription for the device. For parents of children with disabilities or for those who are newly disabled, consultation with medical and rehabilitation professionals is the essential first step in the process.

The second step is the gathering of information. Whether assistance is sought from an insurance company, a community organization, a government agency, or another resource, organized information is critical. Having the following available will help alleviate frustration and unnecessary delays:

- √ **Primary Disability**
- √ **Time of Onset**
- √ **Cause of Disability**
- √ **Secondary Disability**
- √ **Time of Onset of Secondary Disability**
- √ **Cause of Secondary Disability**
- √ **Employment History**
- √ **Family Gross Income**
- √ **Monthly Expenses** (rent or mortgage payments, utilities, outstanding loans and bills, medical expenses, etc.)
- √ **Health Insurance Information**
- √ **Names, Ages, and Relationship of Dependents**

Preparing a Justification Statement

Before any funds are actually appropriated, some funding sources require the applicant to prepare a justification statement. This is particularly true for government programs. When the funding source is a public or private insurance policy, either the expected beneficiary, a physician, or a therapist usually must submit a statement indicating the medical necessity of the purchase.

State vocational rehabilitation agencies normally insist that anyone applying for funds must be able to clearly demonstrate that the service or technology will enhance their ability to prepare for, get, or keep a job. If employment is not an expected outcome, then the justification statement must show that the device will improve the individual's ability to function independently.

Often local school districts will pay for devices and auxiliary aids used in the classroom. However, parents must first be prepared to demonstrate how the device will enhance their child's ability to obtain an appropriate education in the least restrictive environment possible.

Other funding sources will have their own specific requirements. Success in securing funding is frequently dependent on the applicant's ability to address each agency's unique requirements in a funding request.

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Sources of Funding Assistance and Information

A variety of projects and agencies offer funding-related information. Some are national in scope, while others are state-specific. The following listings provide a starting point.

State Technology Assistance Projects

Each state and territory in the U.S. has a Technology Assistance project that has up-to-date information on assistive technology resources for that state. Some projects have compiled lists of funding resources available in their states.

Alabama
Statewide Technology Access and Response (STAR)
System for Alabamians with Disabilities
Alabama Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
2125 East South Blvd., P.O. Box 20752
Montgomery, AL 36120-0752
V: 800/782-7656 (in state only); 334/613-3480.
TTY: 334/613-3519.
Fax: 334/613-3485.
E-mail: tbridges@rehab.state.al.us/star.
Web: http://www.rehab.state.al.us/star.

Alaska
Alaska Assistive Technology Project
Department of Education
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Assistive Technologies of Alaska
1016 West 6th St., Suite 205
Anchorage, AK 99501
V: 800/478-4378 (in state only); 907/269-3570.
TTY: 800/898-0138 (in state only); 907/563-0153.
Fax: 907/269-3632.
E-mail: james_beck@labor.state.ak.us.
Web: http://www.labor.state.ak.us/at/index.htm.

American Samoa
American Samoa Assistive Technology Service (ASATS) Project
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Human Resources
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
V: 011/684/699-1529 (V).
TTY: 011/684/233-7874.
Fax: 011/684/699-1376.
E-mail: edperei@yahoo.com.

Arizona
Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP)
Northern Arizona University
4105 N. 20th Street, Suite 260
Phoenix, AZ 85016
V: 800/477-9921 (in state only); 602/728-9534.
TTY: 602/728-9536.
Fax: 602/728-9353.
E-mail: jill.oberstein@nau.edu.
URL: http://www.nau.edu/ihd/aztap.html.

Arkansas
Arkansas Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN)
Department of Education/Vocational Education Division
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
2201 Brookwood Drive, Suite 117
Little Rock, AR 72202
V/TTY: 800/828-2799 (in state only); 501/666-8868.
Fax: 501/666-5319.
E-mail: aehurst@ars.state.ar.us.
Web: http://www.arkansas-ican.org.

California
California Assistive Technology System (CATS)
Department of Rehabilitation
P.O. Box 944222
Sacramento, CA 94244-2220
Voice: 916/263-8687.
TTY: 916/263-8685.
Fax: 916/263-8683.
E-mail: info@atnet.org.
Web: http://www.atnet.org.

Colorado
Colorado Assistive Technology Project
The Pavilion, A036/B140
1919 Ogden Street
Denver, CO 80218
V: 800/255-3477 (in state only); 303/864-5100.
TTY: 303/864-5110.
Fax: 303/864-5119.
E-mail: cathy.bodine@uchsc.edu.
Web: http://www.uchsc.edu/atp/.

Connecticut
Connecticut Assistive Technology Program
Department of Social Services
Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
25 Sigourney St., 11th Floor
Hartford, CT 06106
V: 800/537-2549 (in state only); 860/424-4881.
TTY: 860/424-4839.
Fax: 860/424-4850.
E-mail: Techact@UConnvm.uconn.edu.
URL: http://www.techact.uconn.edu.

Delaware
Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative (DATI)
Center for Applied Science and Engineering
University of Delaware/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children
1600 Rockland Road, Room 154
P.O. Box 269
Wilmington, DE 19899-0269
V/TTY: 800/870-DATI (in state only)
V: 302/651-6790.
TTY: 302/651-6794.
Fax: 302/651-6793.
E-mail: dati@asel.udel.edu.
URL: http://www.asel.udel.edu/dati/.

District of Columbia
University Legal Services Assistive Technology Program for the District of Columbia
300 I St., NE Suite 202
Washington, DC 20002
V: 202/547-0198.
TTY: 202/546-2657.
Fax: 202/645-2662.
E-mail: atpdc@uls-dc.com.
Web: http://www.atpdc.org.

Florida
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)
1020 E. Lafayette St., Suite 110
Tallahassee, FL 32301-4546
V/TDD: 800/322-7881 (in state, information and referral only); 850/487-3278.
Fax: 850/487-2805.
E-mail: faast@faast.org.
Web: http://www.faast.org.

Georgia
Tools for Life
Department of Labor/Tools for Life
Vocational Rehabilitation Program
1700 Century Circle B-4
Atlanta, Georgia 30345
Voice: 800/497-8665 (in state only); 404/657-3084;
TTY: 404/657-3085.
Fax: 404/657-3086.
E-mail: 102476.1737@compuserve.com.
URL: http://www.gatfl.org/.

Guam
Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT)
University of Guam
University Affiliated Program on Developmental Disabilities
UOG Station
303 University Drive, House # 19 Dean's Circle
Mangilao, GU 96923
Voice: 011/671/735-2493.
TTY: 011/671/734-8378.
Fax: 011/671/734-5709.
E-mail: gsat@ite.net.
Web: http://www.uog.edu/uap/gsat.html.

Hawaii
Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (ATRC)
414 Kuwili St., Suite 104
Honolulu, HI 96817
V/TTY: 800/645-3007 (in state only); 808/532-7110.
Fax: 808/532-7120.
E-mail: atrc@atrc.org.
Web: http://www.atrc.org.

Idaho
IIdaho Assistive Technology Project
Idaho Center on Developmental Disabilities
University of Idaho
Professional Building
129 West Third Street
Moscow, ID 83844-4401
V/TT: 800/432-8324 (in state only); 208/885-3559.
Fax: 208/885-3628.
E-mail: seile861@uidaho.edu.
Web: http://www.ets.uidaho.edu/idatech/.

Illinois
Illinois Assistive Technology Project
1 W. Old State Capital Plaza, Suite 100
Springfield, IL 62701
V/TTY: 800/852-5110 (in state only).
V: 217/522-7985.
TTY: 217/522-9966.
Fax: 217/522-8067.
E-mail: iatp@fgi.net.
Web: http://www.iltech.org.

Indiana
ATTAIN: Assistive Technology Through Action in INdiana
2346 South Lynhurst Drive
Airport Office Centre Suite 507
Indianapolis, IN 46241
V: 800/528-8246 (in state only); 317/486-8808.
Fax and TTY: 317/486-8809.
E-mail: attain@attaininc.org.
Web: http://www.attaininc.org.

Iowa
Iowa Program for Assistive Technology
University of Iowa, University Hospital School
100 Hawkins Drive, Room S295
Iowa City, IA 52242-1011
V: 800/331-3027; 319/356-0550.
TTY: 877/686-0032.
Fax: 319/356-8284.
E-mail: infotech@uiowa.edu.
Web: http://www.uiowa.edu/infotech/.

Kansas
Assistive Technology for Kansans
University of Kansas
University Affiliated Program at Parsons Assistive Technology Center
2601 Gabriel, P.O. Box 738
Parsons, KS 67357
V/TTY: 800/526-3648 (in state only); 316/421-8367.
Fax: 316/421-0954.
E-mail: ssack@ku.edu.
Web: http://www.atk.lsi.ukans.edu.

Kentucky
Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network
Kentucky Department for the Blind
KATS Network Coordinating Center
8412 Westport Road
Louisville, KY 40242
V/TTY: 800/327-5287 (in state only); 502/327-0022.
Fax: 502/327-9974.
E-mail: katsnet@iglou.com.
Web: http://www.katsnet.org.

Louisiana
Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN)
P.O. Box 14115
3042 Old Forge Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-4115
V/TTY: 800/270-6185 (in state only); 225/925-9500.
Fax: 225/925-9560.
E-mail: jnesbit@latan.com.
Web: http://www.latan.org.

Maine
Maine Consumer Information and Technology Training Exchange (Maine CITE)
Maine CITE Coordinating Center
University of Maine System Network
46 University Drive
Augusta, ME 04330
V: 207/621-3195.
TTY: 207/621-3482.
Fax: 207/621-3193.
E-mail: iweb@doe.k12.me.us.
Web: http://www.mainecite.org.

Maryland
Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MTAP)
2301 Argonne Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218-1696
V/TTY: 800/832-4827 (in state only); 410/554-9230.
Fax: 410/554-9237.
E-mail: info@mdtap.org.
Web: http://www.mdtap.org.

Massachusetts
MATP Center
Children's Hospital
1295 Boylston Street, Suite 310
Boston, MA 02215
V/TTY: 800/848-8867 (in state only).
V: 617/355-7153.
TTY: 617/355-7301.
Fax: 617/355-6345.
E-mail: matp@matp.org.
Web: http://www.matp.org.

Michigan
Michigan Assistive Technology Project
740 West Lake Lansing Road, Suite 400
Lansing, MI 48823
V/TTY: 800/760-4600; 517/333-2477.
Fax: 517/333-2677.
E-mail: kdwyeth@match.org.
Web: http//www.copower.org.

Minnesota
System of Technology to Achieve Results (STAR)
Governor's Advisory Council on Technology for People with Disabilities
300 Centennial Building
658 Cedar Street, Room 360
St. Paul, MN 55155
V: 800/657-3862 (in state only); 612/296-2771.
TTY: 800/657-3895 (in state only); 612/296-8478.
Fax: 612/282-6671.
E-mail: star.program@state.mn.us.
URL: http://www.admin.state.mn.us/assistivetechnology/.

Mississippi
Project START - Success Through Assistive/Rehabilitative Technology
Department of Rehabilitation Services
P.O. Box 1698
Jackson, MS 39215
V/TTY: 800/852-8328 (in state only); 601/987-4872.
Fax: 601/364-2349.
E-mail: spower@mdrs.state.ms.us.

Missouri
Missouri Assistive Technology Project
Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
4731 South Cochise, Suite 114
Independence, MO 64055-6975
V: 800/647-8557 (in state only); 816/373-5193.
TTY: 800/647-8558 (.n state only).
Fax: 816/373-9314.
E-mail: matpmo@qni.com.
Web: http://www.dolir.state.mo.us/matp/.

Montana
MonTECH
Rural Institute on Disabilities
The University of Montana
634 Eddy Avenue
Missoula, MT 59812
V/TTY: 800/732-0323 (in state only); 406/243-5676.
Fax: 406/243-4730.
E-mail: montech@selway.umt.edu.
Web: http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/HDC/montech.htm.

Nebraska
Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership
5143 South 48th Street, Suite C
Lincoln, NE 68516-2204
V/TTY: 888/806-6287 (in state only); 402/471-0734.
Fax: 402/471-6052.
E-mail: mschultz@atp.state.ne.us.
Web: http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ATP/TECHome.html.

Nevada
Nevada Assistive Technology Collaborative
Rehabilitation Division
Community-Based Services
711 South Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89710
V: 775/687-4452.
TTY: 775/687-3388.
Fax: 775/687-3292.
E-mail: pgowins@govmail.state.ne.us.
Web: http://detr.state.nv.us/rehab/reh_pgbs.htm#State Assistive Technology Act Program.

New Hampshire
New Hampshire Assistive Technology Partnership
Institute on Disability/UAP
10 Ferry Street, Unit 14. Suite 317/318
Concord, NH 03301
V/TT: 800/238-2048 (in state only); 603/224-0630.
Fax: 603/226-0389 (Fax).
E-mail: sonke.dornblut@unh.edu.
Web: http://iod.unh.edu/projects/assist.htm#nhatpp.

New Jersey
New Jersey Technology Assistive Resource Program (TARP)
210 South Broad Streed, Third Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
V: 800/342-5832 (in state only); 609/777-0945.
TTY: 609/633-7106.
Fax: 609/777-0187.
E-mail: advoca@njpanda.org.
Web: http://www.njpanda.org/tarp/index.html.

New Mexico
New Mexico Technology-Related Assistance Program (NMTAP)
435 Saint Michaels Drive, Building D
Santa Fe, NM 87505
V: 800/866-2253; 505/827-3532.
TTY: 800/659-4915 (in state only); 505/827-3587.
Fax: 505/954-8562.
E-mail: aklaus@state.nm.us.
Web: http://www.nmtap.com.

New York
New York State Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
TRAID Project
One Empire State Plaza, Suite 1001
Albany, NY 12223-1150
V/TTY: 800/522-4369 (in state only).
V: 518/474-2825.
TTY: 518/473-4231.
Fax: 518/473-6005.
E-mail: traid@nysnet.net
Web: http://www.advoc4disabled.state.ny.us/TRAID_Project/technlog.htm.

North Carolina
North Carolina Assistive Technology Project
North Carolina Department of Human Resources
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
1110 Navaho Drive, Suite 101
Raleigh, NC 27609-7322
V/TT: 919/850-2787.
Fax: 919/850-2792.
E-mail: rickic@mindspring.com.
Web: http://www.mindspring.com/~ncatp.

North Dakota
North Dakota Interagency Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT)
P.O. Box 743
Cavalier, ND 58220
V/TT: 800/265-4728; 701/265-4807.
Fax: 701/265-3150.
E-mail: jlee@polarcomm.com.
Web: http://www.ndipat.org/.

Northern Mariana Islands
CNMI System of Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (STRAID)
CNMI Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
P.O. Box 502565
Saipan, MP 96950-2565
V/TTY: 011/670/664-7000.
Fax: 011/670-664-7030.
E-mail: clamkin@cnmiddcouncil.org.
Web: http://www.cnmiddcouncil.org/atstarid/atflash.htm.

Ohio
Ohio Project on Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals
J.L. Camera Center
2050 Kenny Road, 9th Floor
Columbus, OH 43221
V/TTY: 800/784-3425 (in state only).
V: 614/292-2426.
TTY: 614/292-3162.
Fax: 614/292-5866.
E-mail: atohio@osc.edu.
Web: http://www.atohio.org.

Oklahoma
Oklahoma ABLE Tech
Oklahoma State University
1514 West Hall of Fame
Stillwater, OK 74078
V/TTY: 800/257-1705 (in state only); 405/744-9748.
Fax: 405/744-7670.
E-mail: mljwell@okstate.edu.
Web: http://okabletech.okstate.edu/.

Oregon
Technology Access for Life Needs
Oregon Disabilities Commission
3070 Lancaster Drive NE
Salem, OR 97305
V/TTY: 800/677-7512 (in state only); 503/361-1201.
Fax: 503/370-4530.
E-mail: ati@orednet.org.
Web: http://www.taln.org/.

Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)
Temple University
Institute on Disabilities/UAP
Ritter Annex, Room 433
Philadelphia, PA 19122
V: 800/204-7428 (in state only).
TTY: 800/750-7428 (in state only).
Fax: 215/204-9371.
E-mail: piat@astro.temple.edu.
Web: http://www.temple.edu/inst_disabilities/piat/.

Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico Assistive Technology Project
Universidad de Puerto Rico
Recinto de Ciencias Médicas
Colegio de Profesiones Relacionados con la Salud
PO Box 365067
San Juan, PR 00936-5067
V/TTY: 800/496-6035 (in U.S.); 800/981-6033 (in Puerto Rico).
TTY: 787/754-8034.
Fax: 787/759-3645.
E-mail: pratp@rcmad.upr.clu.edu.
Web: http://www.pratp.org.

Rhode Island
Rhode Island Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP)
Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Office of Rehabilitation Services
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903-1898
V: 800/916-8324 (in state only); 401/421-7005; 401/272-7990 (Cambodian); 401/272-8090 (Spanish).
TTY: 401/421-7016.
Fax: 401/421-9259.
E-mail: reginac@ors.state.ri.us.
Web: http://www.atap.state.ri.us/.

South Carolina
South Carolina Assistive Technology Program (SCATP)
USC School of Medicine
Center for Disability Resources
Columbia, SC 29208
V/TTY: 800/922-1107 (in state only); 803/935-5263.
Fax: 803/935-5342.
E-mail: jjendron@usit.net.
Web: http://www.sc.edu/scatp/.

South Dakota
DakotaLink
1925 Plaza Boulevard
Rapid City, SD 57702
V/TTY: 800/645-0673 (in state only); 605/394-1876.
E-mail: atinfo@tie.net.
Web: http://dakotalink.tie.net/.

Tennessee
Tennessee Technology Access Project
Cordell Hull Bldg, 5th Floor
425 5th Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
V: 800/732-5059 (in state only); 615/531-3122.
TTY: 615/741-4566.
Fax: 615-532-4685.
E-mail: ttap@mail.state.tn.us.
Web: http://www.state.tn.us/mental/ttap.htm.

Texas
Texas Assistive Technology Partnership Project
University of Texas at Austin
Texas University Affiliated Program
SZB 252-D5100
Austin, TX 78712-1290
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V: 512/471-7621.
TDD: 512/471-1844.
Fax: 512/471-7549.
E-mail: techaccess@teachnet.edb.utexas.edu.
Web: http://tatp.edb.utexas.edu/.

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U.S. Virgin Islands Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID)
University of the Virgin Islands/University Affiliated Program
#2 John Brewer Bay
St. Thomas, VI 00801-0990
V:340/693-1323.
Fax: 340/693-1325.
E-mail: yhabtes@uvi.edu.
Web: http://www.uvi.edu/pub-relations/viuapindx.htm.

Utah
Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP)
Utah State University
Center for Persons with Disabilities
6588 Old Main Hill
Logan, UT 84322-6588
V/TTY: 435/797-7089.
V: 435/797-3824.
Fax: 435/797-2355.
E-mail: judith@cpd.usu.edu.
Web: http://www.uatpat.org.

Vermont
Vermont Assistive Technology Project
103 South Main Street
Weeks Building, First Floor
Waterbury, VT 05671-2305
V/TTY: 800/639-1522 (in state only); 802/241-2620.
Fax: 802/241-2174.
E-mail: mikell@dad.state.vt.us.
Web: http://www.dad.state.vt.us/atp/.

Virginia
Virginia Assistive Technology System (VATS)
Department of Rehabilitative Services
8004 Franklin Farms Drive
P.O. Box K-300
Richmond, VA 23288-0300
V/TTY: 800/435-8490 (in state only); 804/662-9990.
Fax: 804/662-9478.
E-mail: knorrkh@drs.state.va.us.
Web: http://www.vats.org.

Washington
Washington Assistive Technology Alliance (WATA)
University of Washington
Center for Technology and Disability Studies
CHDD South Building, Room 104
P.O Box 357920
Seattle, WA 98195-7920
V/TTY: 800/841-8345 (in state only).
V: 206/685-4181.
TTY:206/616-1396.
Fax: 206/543-4779.
E-mail: uwctds@u.washington.edu
Web: http://wata.org

West Virginia
West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS)
WVUCED
Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center
955 Hartman Run Road
Morgantown, WV 26505
V/TTY: 800/841-8436 (in state only); 304/293-4692.
Fax: 304/293-7294.
E-mail: jstewart@wvu.edu.
Web: http://www.ced.wvu.edu/wvats/.

Wisconsin
WisTech
Wisconsin Assistive Technology Program
Division of Supportive Living
P.O. Box 7851
1 W. Wilson Street, Room 450
Madison, WI 53707
V: 608/266-1794.
TTY: 608/267-9880.
Fax: 608/267-3203.
E-mail: abbeysu@dhfs.state.wi.us.
Web: http://www.wistech.org.

Wyoming
Wyoming's New Option in Technology (WYNOT)
University of Wyoming
1465 North 4th Street, Suite 111
Laramie, WY 82072
V/TTY: 800/861-4312 (in state only); 307/766-2084.
Fax: 307/721-2084.
E-mail: wynot.uw@uwyo.edu.
Web: http://wind.uwyo.edu/wynot/.

For further information on any state technology assistance project, contact that project at the number or e-mail address given or visit the project's Internet site where available.

State Protection and Advocacy Agencies

Most states also have a protection and advocacy agency (P&A) that provides assistance to persons with disabilities in accessing appropriate programs and services.

Alabama
Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program
P.O. Box 870395
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0395
V/TTY: 800/826-1675.
E-mail: ADAP@law.ua.edu.
Web: http://www.adap.net/.

Alaska
Disability Law Center of Alaska
615 East 82nd, Suite 101
Anchorage, AK 99518
907/344-1002

Arizona
Tuscon
Arizona Center for Disability Law
3131 North Country Club, No. 100
Tuscon, AZ 85716
V/TTY: 800/922-1447.
or
Phoenix
3839 N. 3rd Street, Suite 209
Phoenix, AZ 85012
V/TTY: 800/927-2260.
E-mail: center@acdl.com.
Web: http://www.acdl.com/.

Arkansas
Advocacy Services, Inc.
1100 North University, Suite 201
Little Rock, AR 72207
V/TTY: 800/482-1174
E-mail: panda@arkdisabilityrights.org.
Web: http://www.arkdisabilityrights.org/.

California
Protection and Advocacy, Inc.
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 235N
Sacramento, CA 95825-9968
V/TTY: 800/776-5746
E-mail: taymour@pai-ca.org.
Web: http://www.pai-ca.org/.

Colorado
The Legal Center
Denver
455 Sherman Street, Suite 130
Denver, CO 80203
V/TTY: 800/288-1376
or
Grand Junction
2829 North Avenue, Suite 205
Grand Junction, CO 81501-1501
V/TTy: 800/531-2105
E-mail: tlcmail@thelegalcenter.org.
Web: http://www.thelegalcenter.org/.

Connecticut
Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
60B Weston St.
Hartford, CT 06120-1551
V/TTY: 800/842-7303
E-mail: HN2571@earthlink.net.
Web: http://www.state.ct.us/opapd/.

Delaware
Disabilities Law Program
913 Washington Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
V/TTY: 302/575-0660
E-mail: BJHartman@diamondnet.org.

District of Columbia
University Legal Services/P&A
300 I Street NE, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20002
202/547-0198

Florida
The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities
2671 Executive Center Circle West, Suite 100
Tallahassee, Fl. 32301-5092
V: 800/342-0823
TTY: 800/346-4127
E-mail: info@advocacycenter.org.
Web: http://www.advocacycenter.org/.

Georgia
Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.
100 Crescent Center Parkway, Suite 520
Tucker, GA 30084
V/TTY: 800/537-2329
E-mail: info@thegao.org.
Web: http://thegao.org/.

Guam
Guam Legal Services
113 Bradley Place
Hagatha, Guam 69610
671/477-9811
E-mail: glsc@netpci.com.

Hawaii
Hawaii Disability Rights Center
900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1040
Honolulu, HI 96813-9607
V/TDD: 800/882-1057
E-mail: pahi@pixi.com.
Web: http://www.pixi.com/~pahi/.

Idaho
Comprehensive Advocacy, Inc.
4477 Emerald Street, Suite B-100
Boise, ID 83706
V/TTY: 208/336-5353
E-mail: coadinc@qwest.net.
Web: http://users.moscow.com/co-ad/.

Illinois
Equip for Equality, Inc.
Springfield
426 East Monroe, Suite 302
Springfield, IL 62705
V/TTY: 800/758-0464
or
Chicago
11 E/ Adams, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60603
V: 800/537-2632.
TTY: 800/610-2779
or
Rock Island
1612 Second Ave.
P.O. Box 3753
Rock Island, IL 61204
V/TTY: 800/758-6869.
E-mail: contactus@equipforequality.org.
Web: http://www.equipforequality.org/.

Indiana
Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services
4701 N. Keystone Avenue, No. 222
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1554
V/TTY: 800/622-4845
E-mail: tgallagher@ipas.state.in.us.

Iowa
Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services
3015 Merle Hay Road, Suite 6
Des Moines, IA 50310
V/TTY: 800/779-2502.
E-mail: info@ipna.org.
Web: http://www.ipna.org/.

Kansas
Kansas Advocacy and Protective Services, Inc.
3745 Southwest Wanamaker Road
Topeka, KS 66510
V/TTY: 785/273-9661
E-mail: info@ksadv.org.
Web: http://www.ksadv.org/.

Kentucky
Department for Public Advocacy
Protection and Advocacy Division
100 Fair Oaks Lane, 3rd Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601
V: 502/564-2967
TTY: 800/372-2988
E-mail: mfitzgerald@mail.pa.state.ky.us.

Louisiana
Advocacy Center
225 Baronne St., Suite 2112
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-1724
V/TTY: 800/960-7705
E-mail: advocacycenter@advocacyla.org.
Web: http://www.advocacyla.org/.

Maine
Maine Disability Rights Center
P.O. Box 2007
Augusta, ME 04338-2007
V/TTY: 800/452-1948.
E-mail: Advocate@drcme.org.
Web: http://www.drcme.org/.

Maryland
Maryland Disability Law Center
The Walbert Building, Suite 400
1800 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
V: 800/233-7221
TTY: 410/727-6387
E-mail: philf@mdlcbalto.org.
Web: http://www.mdlcbalto.org/.

Massachusetts
Disability Law Center, Inc.
11 Beacon St., No. 925
Boston, MA 02108
V: 800/872-9992.
TTY: 800/381-0577.
E-mail: mail@dlc-ma.org.
Web: http://www.dlc-ma.org/.

Michigan
Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service
106 West Allegan, No. 210
Lansing, MI 48933-1706
V/TTY: 800/288-5923
E-mail: molson@mpas.org.
Web: http://www.mpas.org.

Minnesota
Minnesota Disability Law Center
300 Kickernick Building
430 First Avenue, North, No. 300
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780
V: 800/292-4150.
TTY: 612/332-4668.
E-mail: selliot@midmnlegal.org.
Web: http://www.mnlegalservices.org/mdlc/.

Mississippi
Mississippi Protection and Advocacy System for Developmental Disabilities
5330 Executive Place, Suite A
Jackson, MS 39206
V/TTY: 601/981-8207
E-mail: mspna@bellsouth.net.

Missouri
Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services
925 South Country Club Drive, Unit B-1
Jefferson City, MO 65109
V: 800/392-8667
E-mail: mopasjc@socket.net.
Web: http://members.socket.net/~mopasjc/MOP&A.htm.

Montana
Montana Advocacy Program
P.O. Box 1681
400 North Park, 2nd Floor
Helena, MT 59624
V/TT: 800/245-8743
E-mail: advocate@mtadv.org.
Web: http://www.mtadv.org/.

Nebraska
Nebraska Advocacy Services, Inc.
522 Lincoln Center Building
215 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68508
V/TTY: 402/474-3183
E-mail: nas@navix.net.

Nevada
Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center
6039 Eldora, Suite C - Box 3
Las Vegas, NV 89146
V: 888/349-3843
TTY: 702/257-8160
E-mail: ndalc@ndalc.org.
Web: http://www.ndalc.org/.

New Hampshire
Disabilities Rights Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 3660
18 Low Avenue
Concord, NH 03302-3660
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New Jersey
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Trenton, NJ 08608
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E-mail: advoca@njpanda.org.
Web: http://www.njpanda.org/.

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Protection and Advocacy System, Inc.
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Albuquerque, NM 87110
800/432-4682
E-mail: nmpanda@nmprotection-advocacy.com.
Web: www.nmprotection-advocacy.com.

New York
New York State Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled
401 State Street
Schenectady, New York 12305-2397
V/TTY: 800/624-4143
E-mail: marcelc@cqc.state.ny.us.
Web: http://www.cqc.state.ny.us/.

North Carolina
Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities
1314 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1314
800/821-6922
E-mail: gacpd@ncmail.net.
Web: http://www.doa.state.nc.us/doa/gacpd/gacpd.htm.

North Dakota
North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project
400 East Broadway, Suite 616
Bismark, ND 58501-4073
V: 800/472-2670
TTY: 800/366-6888
E-mail: panda@state.nd.us.
Web: http://www.ndpanda.org.

Northern Marianas Islands
Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy System, Inc.
P.O. Box 503529
Saipan, MP 96950-3529
670/235-7274
E-mail: lbarcinasp&a@saipan.com.

Ohio
Ohio Legal Rights Service
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Columbus, OH 43215
V/TTY: 800/282-9181
E-mail: OLRS_Email@olrs.state.oh.us.
Web: http://www.state.oh.us/olrs/.

Oklahoma
Oklahoma Disability Law Center, Inc.
300 Cameron Bldg.
2915 Classen Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
V/TT: 800/880-7755
E-mail: odlcokc@flash.net.
Web: http://www.flash.net/~odlcokc/.

Oregon
Oregon Advocacy Center
620 SW Fifth Ave., 5th Floor
Portland, OR 97204-1428
V: 800/452-1694
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E-mail: welcome@oradvocacy.org.
Web: http://www.oradvocacy.org/.

Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy Inc.
11414 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103
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E-mail: ppa@ppainc.org.
Web: http://www.ppainc.org/.

Puerto Rico
Office of the Ombudsman for People with Disabilities
P.O. Box 41309
San Juan, PR 00940-1309
V: 787/725-2333

Rhode Island
Rhode Island Disability Law Center
349 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
V: 800/733-5332
TTY: 401/831-5335

South Carolina
Protection and Advocacy For Persons with Disabilities, Inc.
3710 Landmark Dr., Suite 208
Columbia, SC 29204
V/TTY: 800/922-5225
E-mail: info@protectionandadvocacy-sc.org.
Web: http://www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org/.

South Dakota
South Dakota Advocacy Services
221 South Central Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
V/TTY: 800/658-4782
E-mail: sdas@sdadvocacy.com.
Web: http://www.sdadvocacy.com/.

Tennessee
Tennessee Protection and Advocacy, Inc.
P.O. Box 121257
Nashville, TN 37212
V: 800/287-9636
TTY: 615/298-2471
E-mail: shirleys@tpainc.org.
Web: http://www.tpainc.org/.

Texas
Advocacy Inc.
7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, No. 171-E
Austin, TX 78757-1024.
V/TTY: 800/252-9108.
E-mail: infoai@advocacyinc.org.
Web: http://www.advocacyinc.org/.

Utah
Disability Law Center
455 East 400 South, Suite 410
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
V/TTY: 800/662-9080
E-mail: info@disabilitylawcenter.org.
Web: http://www.disabilitylawcenter.org/.

Vermont
Vermont Protection and Advocacy
141 Main Street, Suite 7
Montpelier, VT 05602
V: 800/834-7890
TTY: 802/229-2603
E-mail: info@vtpa.org.
Web: http://www.vtpa.org/.

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Virgin Islands Advocacy
St. Croix
63 Estate Cane Carlton, Frederiksted,
St. Croix, VI 00840
St. Thomas
9003 Havensight Mall, Suite 313,
St. Thomas, VI 00802
V/TTY: 340/772-4641
E-mail: viadvocacy@worldnet.att.net.
Web: http://www.viadvocacy.org/.

Virginia
Department for Rights of Virginians with Disabilities
202 N. 9th Street, 9th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
V/TTY: 800/552-3962
E-mail: wareka@drvd.state.va.us.
Web: http://www.cns.state.va.us/drvd/.

Washington
Washington Protection and Advocacy System
180 West Dayton, Suite 102
Edmonds, WA 98020
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TTY: 800/905-0209
E-mail: wpas@wpas-rights.org.
Web: http://www.wpas-rights.org/.

West Virginia
West Virginia Advocates, Inc.
Litton Building, 4th Floor
1207 Quarrier St.
Charleston, WV 25301
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Web: http://www.wvadvocates.org.

Wisconsin
Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy
Madison
16 N. Carroll Street, No. 400
Madison, WI 53703
V/TTY: 800/928-8778
or
Milwaukee
2040 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 678
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233
V/TTY: 800/708-3034
E-mail: lorip@w-c-a.org.
Web: http://www.w-c-a.org/.

Wyoming
Wyoming Protection and Advocacy System, Inc.
320 West 25th Street, 2nd Floor
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
307/632-3496
E-mail: wypanda@vcn.com.
Web: http://wypanda.vcn.com.

Other Sources of Information

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)
http://www.naric.com

NARIC maintains an extensive collection of printed material pertaining to the procurement and utilization of assistive technology. The following documents from the NARIC library have been selected as being particularly useful for people searching for assistive device funding. Some of the publications are available on the Internet. Paper copies of most documents are available at a nominal charge. NARIC's contact information follows:

NARIC
1010 Wayne Ave., Suite 800
Silver Spring, MD 20910.
V: 800/346-2742
TTY: 301/495-5626
http://www.naric.com.

1. "Resources for People with Disabilities: A National Directory, 2nd Edition," from Ferguson Publishing. 2001. NARIC Accession Number R08177.

Among the many resources listed in this 2-volume directory are a wide variety of funding sources.

2. "Building an Initial Information Base: Assistive Technology Funding Resources for School-aged Students with Disabilities," C.E. Kemp, J.J. Hourcade, H.P. Parette. In Journal of Special Education Technology, Vol. 15 No. 4 (2000), pp. 15-24. NARIC Accession Number J41710.

This article provides an overview for Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams on obtaining funding for assistive technology (AT) for students with disabilities. The article describes a number of AT funding resources, including basic eligibility requirements, and offers suggestions for making successful claims, including documentation. Funding sources discussed include the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Medicaid programs, the Developmental Disabilities and Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1987, vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs, and private insurance.

3. "Funding of Assistive Technology: State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies and Their Obligation to Maximize Employment," by Ronald M. Hager, Esq. National Assistive Technology Advocacy Project, Neighborhood Legal Services Inc. 1999. NARIC Accession Number: O13195. Available online at http://www.nls.org/vrbooklt.htm.

This booklet contains key information on funding assistive technology through the health system. This publication covers important topics of critical importance to individuals with disabilities who are entering the workforce including students transitioning from school, assistive technology for the college student, and the availability of assistive technology.

4. "Funding of Assistive Technology: Work Incentives for Persons with Disabilities Under the Social Security and SSI Programs - Using the Work Incentives to Fund AT and Make Work a Reality," by James R. Sheldon, Jr., Esq. Neighborhood Legal Services. NARIC Accession Number O13343. Available online at: http://www.nls.org/wkboklet.htm.

This booklet presents a detailed discussion of the work incentives available under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs, with an emphasis on using work incentives as a tool to fund assistive technology (AT). Topics discussed include: disincentives such as the $700 Substantial Gainful Employment (SGA) rule and the Continuing Disability Review (CDR); avoiding the $700 SGA rule in the SSDI program through income averaging and deductions; the trial work period; continuing eligibility for Medicare, and the right to buy in after eligibility ends; Sections 1619(a) and 1619(b); earned income exclusions in calculating the SSI check; Ticket to Work/Work Incentives Improvement Act (WIIA) provisions; and the SSI Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS).

5. "Assisitive Technology: Public Policy And Financing," by Steven B. Mendelsohn. In **Technology and Disability**, Vol. 6 (1997) pp. 29- 48. NARIC Accession Number J33328.

This article addresses the fact that the independent living movement may be making inroads into policy but change in practice is moving more slowly. Likewise, although assistive technology concerns have been incorporated into legislation, the delivery system continues to be inaccessible in many ways. Financing is still one of the major problems in accessing technology. Sources of funding are described as well as a variety of creative approaches to filling the gaps in funding.

6. "(Just About) Everything You Ever Needed To Know About Assistive Technology - Whether You're An Individual With A Disability, Employer, Or A Rehabilitation Professional," by D. Siskaa, S. Mendolsohn, R.I. Silbert. In **Employment In The Mainstream**, November/ December 1996 (pp. 5-13). NARIC Accession Number J32756.

In addition to providing excellent commentary on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the TECH act, this article does a superb job of addressing some of the common concerns that disabled individuals, employers, and rehabilitation counselors have about purchasing assistive technology. Simple and staightforward check lists are also included alongside detailed funding strategies to make the funding allocation process less intimidating.

7. "Loan Financing For Assistive Technology: Strategies For Development, Current Programs, And Reccommendations For The Future," by Joseph F. Wallace, Kenneth H. Knorr. In **Technology and Disability**, Vol. 5 (1996) pp. 255-265.NARIC Accession Number J32742.

This article highlights the need for and the impact of loan financing programs for the acquistion of assistive technology. The importance of consumer involvement in all aspects of program development and operation are emphasized. An in-depth review of the potential that loan financing holds for persons with disabilities is provided through a discussion of the need for alternative financing strategies, an analysis of the results of the *National Research of Loan Financing Strategies*, and a sample of loan financing programs for assistive technology in operation in 1996.

8. "Tips On Breaking The Funding Barrier: How To Get Assistive Technology For Your Child," by J. A. Craddock, D. McNeal, N. Somerville, D. J. Wilson. Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, Los Amigos Research and Education Institute. 1995. NARIC Accession Number: R07088

This pamphlet is an excellent guide for parents attempting to attain assistive technology for their children. Specifically, it offers advice from other parents on how to get started, where to look for money, and what to do when applying for funding. Places to contact for more information or for help are included throughout and telephone numbers are listed at the end of the pamphlet in a "Resources" section.

9. " Funding And Assistive Technology," by A System of Technology to Achieve Results (STAR). State of Minnesota, Governor's Advocacy on Technology for People with Disabilities. 1996. NARIC Accession Number: O12188N

The arduous task of obtaining funding for assistive technology can be a frustrating and exhausting experience for anyone. This brochure was designed essentially to minimize anxiety for newcomers to the funding allocation game. It highlights funding options and contact information and provides a concise and informative discussion of an individual's rights and entitlements in regards to education, employment, and independent living.

10. "Funding For Assistive Technology And Related Services: An Annotated Bibliography," by A. Enders. Missoula, MT. Rural Institute on Disabilities. Revised 1994. 30p. NARIC Accession Number: R06666. Available from: Montana University Affiliated Rural Institute on Disabilities, University of Montana, 52 Corbin Hall, Missoula, MT 59812. 406/243-5467. Cost $4.50.

This bibliography is a thorough review of relevant literature up to 1994. It is primarily oriented towards finding funding for an individual's assisstive technology. However, suggestions on where and how to find funding for technology programs, program grants, and service delivery models are given in the final section.

Worth Reading

1. "Work Incentives for Persons with Disabilities under Social Security and SSI Programs: Using the Work Incentives to Fund AT and Make Work a Reality" by James R. Sheldon, Jr., Esq. National Assistive Technology Advocacy Project Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., Buffalo, NY. December 1999.

Using the most common sources for assistive technology funding like Social Security or Medicaid is a general rule, but don't overlook using work incentives for financial assistance. To ensure a complete understanding of some familiar resources and the policies to obtain funding, this booklet discusses the differences between Medicare and Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income and Social Security. It also illustrates how devices needed for everyday use can correlate in to a work related expense that may be deductible.

2. "The Public School's Special Education System as a Funding Source: The Cutting Edge," By Ronald M. Hager, Esq. National Assistive Technology Advocacy Project Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., Buffalo, NY. June, 1999

This booklet is for attorneys and advocates seeking quick and detailed information on assistive technology funding through the education system. It gives an outlined description of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and it's regulations and assistive technology funding requirements. Supreme Court decisions are also presented, expressing the

public school's special education system obligation to provide students with disabilities assistive technology devices in school and in the home.

3. "Financing Assistive Technology: AT Purchased for Students Receiving Special Eduction Services Can Be Used to Facilitate Transition into Adult Services and Productive Adult Life," by Steve Mendelsohn, Esq. and Susan Goodman, Esq. In **The AT Messenger**, January/February/March 1999. Available online at: http://www.asel.udel.edu/dati/ATmessenger/janfebmar99/financing.html.

This article discusses a regulatory interpretation by the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) in the U.S. Department of Education that as students transit from special education programs to adult life, the assistive devices purchased for their use by education systems may be transferred to rehabilitation systems to facilitate the transition from school to work.

4. "Reimbursement Trends in Assistive Technology," by Jean L. Minkel, MA, P.T. In **RehabManagement**, February/March 1997 (pp. 37-39).

This is an excellent article, addressed primarily toward health care providers, that talks about factors third party payers consider when determining whether or not to pay for an assistive device, and it talks about the kinds of questions health care providers should be asking themselves when recommending devices to clients or patients.

5. "Financing Assistive Technology: A Handbook for Rehabilitation Professionals," by Ana Torres-Davis; Vera R. Jackson, D.S.W., ACSW; Donald W. Dew, Ed.D., CRC. George Washington University. 1992. Available online at: http://trace.wisc.edu/archive/fintech/fintech.html.

Though written in 1992, this on-line handbook continues to provide a valuable overview of assistive technology funding opportunities and options. Some of the information is outdated, but the book remains useful.

6. "Practical Funding For Assistive Technology: Getting the Device You Really Need," By Diane C. Smith. Esq. In **Don't Get Mad, Get Powerful, A Manual for Building Advocacy Skills**, (1986), Mary L. Hines, Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc., Lansing MI.

Strong self-advocacy skills can make a big difference when it comes to securing funding for assistive technology. This article tackles some general funding obstructions and discusses the "essential elements" needed to succeed. A six-step process is also presented to illustrate the importance of heightening one's ability to express his/her assistive technology needs effectively.

7. **Exceptional Parent** Magazine.

This excellent monthly publication always seems to have helpful information for parents about locating financial resources to get the products and services needed by their children with disabilities. Check out their web site at http://www.eparent.com.

Combating Common Funding Excuses . . .

A. *"You've Got To Be Kidding: We Are Not Going To Fund That,"* by Lewis Golinker, Assistive Technology and Systems Change Project. September 1991 - revised April 1995.

The subtitle to this article is "Common funding 'excuses' given in response to requests for funding of computers and environmental control devices in the major funding programs," and it lists all of the common excuses given by funding sources, as well as suggested arguments to combat those excuses! It is available through the Assistive Technology Funding and Systems Change Project (see above for the address).

B. *"You Want Us To Fund That, Too?"* also by Lewis Golinker (1995). Same availability as previous article.

This article addresses the "common excuses" used to deny funding through Medicaid, special education, vocational rehabilitation, and private insurance companies, and suggests arguments to combat those excuses.

C. *"Common Funding Excuses — Home Modifications,"* by Lewis Golinker (1995).

Similar to the articles above, but this one deals specifically with home modification requests to various agencies.

D. *"Assistive Technology Funding by Private Health Care Reimbursement Sources,"* by Lewis Golinker (1995).

This article describes the types of private health insurance available, how to review your own health plan for assistive technology coverage information, and how private health plans commonly respond to requests for assistive technology.

The Key To Successful Funding

While beginning the search for funding can be intimidating, the key to success is information, both general and knowing agency requirements. An agency's decision to grant funding for assistive technology is often contingent upon an applicant's knowledge of the process, determination, and preparation. Before beginning to explore their funding options, individuals should be able to identify any special needs and the assistive technology needed to meet them. Time should also be taken to become familiar with potential funding sources, their eligibility requirements, necessary paperwork, and payment policies. Most importantly, applicants should select funding sources in accordance with their needs and be able to justify the funding request to meet the agency's goals.

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